GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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IRREGULARITIES IN FREIGHT BILLING
Singh Shri Prabhunath

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the surprise inspections/raids conducted by the Government a number of corruption cases and gross irregularities in freight billings causing substantial loss of revenue were detected;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated loss of revenue suffered and expenditure incurred by the Government due to the corrupt practices detected during the raids/surprise checks since the beginning of 2004 (till date);

(d) the loss of revenue suffered by the Government compare with the expenditure incurred on conducting surprise checks/raids; and

(e) the action taken by the Government against the corrupt officials identified and also to contain the leakage of revenue?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): During January 2004 to October 2004, preventive checks regarding weighment of goods rakes have led to detection of undercharges worth Rs. 33.58 crore. This is the amount of potential loss of revenue, had these checks not been undertaken.

(d) No separate expenditure is incurred on conducting surprise checks/raids other than the normal working expenditure

(e) Suitable disciplinary action is taken against the staff found responsible for irregularities. Preventive checks have been intensified to contain the leakage of revenue.